

## Town Talk

MOVING PICTURE FUNNIES.



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West Virginia Fair tonight and Saturday except probably rain or snow in east portion. Much colder tonight. Colder Saturday.

Local Readings. F. P. Hall, Ob. Temperature at 8 a. m. today, 45. Yesterday's weather, maximum, 65; minimum, 45; precipitation, 34.

## EVENTS TONIGHT.

Skinner building—Modern Woodmen. Odd Fellows' hall—Mountain City Encampment, I. O. O. F.

Fleming building—Dent Hive, Ladies of the Modern Maccabees. Red Men's hall—Degree of Pocahontas.

Normal school—Lyceum and Mozart Literary societies.

First M. E. church—Valentine party by King's Herald.

Mannington—Conference between grocers and County Supervisor Joseph Rosier.

Miller school—Basketball, High and Clarksburg scrub fives.

A Right of Way—Today in the office of the county clerk a right of way from J. G. Smyth et ux, was secured by the Monongah Service Company for \$1. The right of way goes through a tract of land in Lincoln district.

Former Fairmonters—C. Ephraim Brown, of Satons, Wash., is visiting his cousin, Hon. George A. Vincent, of this city.

Deaths Recorded—These deaths were recorded today by A. G. Martin, county clerk: J. W. Purdy and wife to H. W. Wyckoff, a parcel of land in the Fairmont Development Company's addition to the city of Fairmont, \$4,100. A. G. Martin, county clerk to Lucy J. Ferrell, a parcel of land in Mannington district, consideration \$281.

Marriage Licenses—These marriage licenses were issued up until 2 o'clock this afternoon by Deputy County Clerk Phillips: Dana R. Toothman, 24, and Essie M. Egan, 21, both of Mannington; Walter D. Osborn, 21, and Hester Gladys Lyning, 21, both of Baxter.

Tendered a Surprise—Woodmen of the World called at the home of Bruce Morgan on Pittsburgh avenue, East Side, and extended congratulations upon his recent marriage. The affair was calculated as a surprise, but there was no leak, and Mr. Morgan awaited the arrival of his guests, which he later ascertained were thirty in number. The Woodmen of the World presented Mr. Morgan with a rocking chair. H. T. Jones making the presentation address. Mr. Morgan made an appropriate response.

Visitors at Chapel—Four scenes from Silas Marner were cleverly presented this morning at the High school chapel exercises by the members of the Junior class under the direction of Misses Beulah Davis and Ruth Ross. A number of visitors were present in addition to the pupils of the school.

Communion for Children—There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion for children in Christ church Saturday at 9:30 a. m., followed by instruction.

Judge Vincent's Court—In Intermediate court today Judge Vincent heard the chancery cause of M. R. Musgrove, guardian, vs. Della Hess et al. A petition and proof asking to sell 36.27 acres of land in Paw Paw district was filed. A decree was entered by Judge Vincent to allow Mr. Musgrove to sell the property.

Two Boys Sent Away—R. O. Musgrove, county probation officer, this morning took two boys to the Reform school at Pruntytown. They were directed to sent there yesterday by Judge Vincent.

Montgomery Shows UP—Paul R. Montgomery, the last of the men wanted for physical examination appeared at the office of the local draft board yesterday evening. He has been in Washington, Mich., and did not return to Fairmont until Sunday evening. He has arranged to take the necessary physical examination.

Room for New Man—There are many changes in the office rooms of the Monongahela Valley Traction Company on the third floor of the Watson building today. H. S. Newton of Huntington, who comes to Fairmont as general superintendent of railways is taking the office room previously occupied by Smith Hood and the latter is moving into the office with J. O. Watson.

Wanted Knitted Squares—Mrs. Davis, who has charge of the children working for the Red Cross, is very anxious that those who have knitted squares will bring them to headquarters tomorrow at once.

Mrs. Thomas W. Mrs. James H. Thomas is very ill at her home in Chicago street.

Going in Signal Service—Kenneth R. Long, and David E. Long today where they will sign up in the signal corps of the United States army.

Road is Opened—By late this afternoon the road along the west fork river to Monongah will be clear of ice, according to County Engineer Wilfong.

An Oil Deed—Today an oil and gas deed was filed for record with A. G. Martin, county clerk, between Lewis N. Snodley et ux and J. M. Binns, et al. for a tract of 42.5 acres in Lincoln district. The consideration is \$1.

Charles Riggs Here—Charles Riggs, formerly an employee of The West Virginian office, arrived here last evening from Norfolk, Va., where he is a member of the U. S. Navy forces. Riggs was called here by the serious illness of his aunt, Mrs. Henry Mercer.

Jury Could Not Agree—A jury disagreement resulted when Joe Ciccarelli, an Italian, of Kilbuck, charged with selling whiskey, was tried yesterday afternoon before Justice Musgrove.

Leonard Tucker, Clyde Tucker and Bethel Thompson claimed that they bought whiskey from Ciccarelli, who had it placed in a bank of earth at his home along Koon's run. County officers found marked money in his possession. The jury was composed of session. The jury was composed of session. The jury was composed of session.

James H. Baker, Abner Husted, R. C. Jones, Sam Leeper, W. F. Merrill and E. P. Meredith. Ciccarelli will be tried again next Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Local People Responding to Appeal Made by the Government

Several local people are responding to the call of the government to lend their binoculars, spy glasses, or any other kind of glasses to the navy. Already several instruments, some of them very expensive, have been brought to the office of City Clerk Albert J. Kern. Hon. O. S. McKinney today loaned an expensive set of binoculars. Howard Woodward and Albert J. Kern have both brought in their field glasses. As soon as enough instruments can be secured, a shipment will be made to Franklin Roosevelt of the Naval Observatory at Washington, D. C.

Tonight there will be "Four Minute Men" in all of the local theatres in the interest of the movement. Their subject will be "Eyes for the Navy."

The speeches given at the theatres yesterday evening on the same subject were highly appreciated. Those who spoke yesterday evening were: Dixie, James Meredith; Princess, A. L. Lehman; Hippodrome, Hon. O. S. McKinney; Nelson, Prof. Joseph Rosier.

Those scheduled for tonight are: Dixie, J. I. Kern; Princess, E. C. Prange; Hippodrome, H. H. Rose; Nelson, W. Kenneth Barnes.

52 Children Died In Nunnery Fire

(By Associated Press)

MONTREAL, Feb. 15.—From the ruins of the Gray nunnery's fireproof vest wing the bodies of 14 more children were recovered this forenoon, raising to 52 the death toll of the fire tragedy.

The heroism of the sisters who were nursing soldiers invalided home from over seas fighting averted greater loss of life. Nearly one thousand crippled men and women, wounded military men and babies were enabled to escape through the valiant efforts of the nurses.

The origin of the fire has not been determined while early reports attributed to defective wiring a nun suggested to the authorities today it may have been caused by a spark from an X-ray machine in use in connection with military part of the nunnery-hospital.

U. T. C. Will Take Trip to Morgantown

Fairmont Council No. 497, United Commercial Travelers, have planned a trip to Morgantown to initiate a class of candidates on Washington's birthday, February 22.

The Morgantown members are planning a social feature in connection with the meeting. It was intended to hold this meeting on this Friday evening but arrangements could not be completed in time. Final arrangements will be made at the regular meeting of Fairmont council tomorrow evening at their rooms in Macca-bee hall. Those expecting to go should be present at the meeting tomorrow night.

French Again Pierce the German Lines

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Feb. 15.—French troops last night penetrated the German lines northeast of Courcy on the Aisne front and returned with a number of prisoners, the French war office announced today.

A lively artillery duel was maintained in the Champagne notably in the sector of Butte du Mesnil where American batteries are stationed. The night was marked by bombardment on the right bank of the river Meuse and in the Woivre region.

Practically all of the women of America are helping in some way of war relief service and more than a million and a quarter are engaged in essential war industrial work.

## EXPRESS SERVICE GETS A ROASTING

Local Agents Will Not Even Let the People Help Them.

Poor service is getting the express companies of this city in bad with the public. The complaint came to light yesterday evening at the meeting of the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce, at which time more than one complaint was heard.

It is reported by Fairmont merchants that it is practically impossible to get express from the offices of the local express companies; that those in charge will not deliver the express if you come to the station after it.

In some instances perishable express has been at the station four days before those in charge would permit it to be delivered.

Letters have been written to the express author's in the hope that this might help conditions, but this has been of little use. Instead of writing many more letters the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce will appoint a committee to make investigations. The committee will then report back to the chamber, and if necessary some formal action will be taken to rectify conditions.

Monday afternoon, Wednesday afternoon and evening are devoted to surgical dressings. A great deal of interest is shown in this department. Under the supervision of Mrs. Mazella Barto much is being accomplished. The average attendance for surgical dressings is ten.

A sweater has been sent to each of the following places: 12th Machine Gun Battalion, Camp Shelby, Miss.; Camp America University, Washington, D. C.; Signal Corps, U. S. Cable office, Sitka, Alaska; 37th Ohio Division, Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Ala.; Co. G, 219th Inf., Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va.

Helmet and wristlets have been sent to "Somewhere in France."

Friday of each week the members bring their lunch and remain at the work room all day. By so doing they are able to complete quite a number of garments. They extend their thanks to those members who are doing work at their homes for the furtherance of the Red Cross. Some members' homes are too distant for them to come to the work room, but their efforts and co-operation are greatly appreciated. No time the Red Cross display in the Acme Hardware store window.

Those who are not a member of the Red Cross already, join now and help to win the war.

## DRAFT BOARD IS AGAIN SUSTAINED

Two More Batches of Appeals Back With O. K. on Board's Position.

The district appeal board in session at Clarksburg has unanimously sustained the decision of the local board in every appeal that has been made to them thus far. Returns from fifteen industrial appeals and two other appeals were received from Clarksburg this morning.

The appeals announced today are as follows:

Industrial Appeals.

Order No. Name. Classification.

244 Razerra Lopera 1F

373 Enrico Lopera 1F

612 Donley Smallwood 1F

410 Charles McD. Shinn 1F

241 Chas. Francis Adams 1F

1463 John Goff Bolen 2D

1613 Joseph Virgil Morgan 2D

855 Clarence Lay Garner 1E

812 J. Stanley Tuttle 1F

766 William A. G. Staley 1F

1491 Jay Snoderly 1F

1325 Wm. Fran. Bennett, Jr. 1F

1359 Robert L. McCoy 1F

32 P. A. Sackett-Gergule 1F

1235 Curtis Steel Malone 1F

Other Appeals.

619 Jesse Earl Wilson 1-1

922 Harry Frank Sapp 1-1

Will Modernize the Watson Hotel

The Watson hotel, one of the oldest hotels in this city, has been taken over by R. L. O'Neal, manager of the Fairmont, and George Vonderharr, formerly connected with the Frederick hotel in Huntington. The two men have a lease on the building which is effective today.

Approximately \$25,000 will be spent in improvements in an effort to make the hotel one of the popular hotels of the state. The hotel will be refurnished, repainted, repapered and remodelled to the most minute detail. Hot and cold water will be placed in every room with new plumbing throughout.

Although Mr. O'Neal is connected with the hotel it will be operated entirely separate from the Fairmont. It will be under the direct management of Mr. Vonderharr, who comes to Fairmont with much experience as a hotel man. He was in Fairmont this morning to take charge.

The Watson now has about 60 rooms. When the hotel is ultimately repaired and remodelled, there will be about 100 rooms.

The repairs will be made at different times and will in no way interfere with the handling of guests who may want to come there.

SALVATION ARMY.

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Walter, secretary, and Carl Fisher, treasurer.

Today Mr. Wiegell received the following self explanatory letter from W. H. Conner, cashier of the First National Bank of Fairview, who reports the good work done in Fairview.

"We beg to hand you herewith cashier's check No. 200 for \$61, representing our participation in the Salvation Army war fund for Fairview, W. Va. We endeavored to raise \$50, but when our collections were in, the total recouped as above. We trust you have succeeded in raising Marion county's quota. If not let us know and we can double the amount from here.

## FAIRVIEW RED CROSS BUSY IN JANUARY

Monthly Report Shows Where the Completed Work Has Gone.

FAIRVIEW, Feb. 15.—Fairview auxiliary of the Red Cross is hard at work these days and the report for the work during January which has just been completed shows the following results:

Membership turned into Fairmont chapter \$15; enameled buttons sold, \$5; yarn and knitted articles sold, \$38.95; Total, \$62.95.

Finished articles sent to Fairmont chapter: Sweaters, 11; wristlets, 11 pairs; socks, 2 pairs; convalescent robes, 10; pajamas, 14; doctors' hospital robes, 14; bed shirts, 16; surgical dressings, 702.

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Still Have Criers in French Towns

And Old Women with Wheelbarrows and Fish Horns Sell Newspapers.

Many letters acknowledging the Christmas kits which were packed in Fairmont and sent to the soldiers through the Fairmont chapter of the Red Cross have been received in this city. All of these letters are interesting, but the one received by Annie Estelle Robb, a winsome miss whose home is at 315 Walnut avenue, is just about the best of them all. When the Christmas boxes were packed all took great care that they would be in condition to stand a trip to France and it was rather hoped that they all would go abroad. Letters of acknowledgment indicate, however, that many of them went to soldiers in the camps. But little Miss Robb's letter shows that some at least of the Fairmont Christmas boxes actually did cross the Atlantic. Her letter in full is as follows:

Somewhere in France, Sunday, Jan. 6, '18.

My Dear Little Friend:

Just a line to tell you how perfectly delighted I was upon receipt of your very wonderful "Comfort Kit." Every thing in it a soldier could desire and it made a very lonesome day a great deal brighter for one of Uncle Sam's soldiers in France. There was very little Christmas over here, as this is a grim, stern business that we are here for, but we are all hoping to be able to hang up our stockings next year over our own fireplaces at home. I thought of you many times and wondered if Santa Claus was as good to you. I am going to make a collection of postal cards of all the places I visit in France and when I return home I am going to send you a set if you would like to have them. We are quartered in the quaintest little old French village you ever saw and the people are so funny. An old lady goes around with a wheelbarrow, blowing a horn and selling newspapers. Then there is the old town crier. He beats on a drum and calls out the news in all the streets. You are a very fortunate little girl to be lying in the good old U. S. A. If you would care to write to me you can address me as below. I thank you, my dear, for your kind gift and I wish you a very Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

PVT. JOSTIAH R. DAVIS, Co. D, 6th U. S. Engineers, American Exp. Forces, France.

COMMITTEE ON AMERICANIZATION

Chamber of Commerce Wants to Cooperate in National Movement.

"Americanizing Foreigners" was among the important subjects discussed at the monthly meeting of the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce held yesterday evening. It was the opinion of all present that foreigners should be encouraged to become naturalized.

Thinking that cooperation with the national movement for this purpose might be fruitful in this region, a

committee was appointed to represent the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce in this matter. The following were appointed by President Jacobus: A. Brooks Fleming, Jr., C. E. Hutchinson, J. W. Davison, John M. Wolfe, and Robert T. Cunningham.

J. M. Hartley was elected councillor to represent the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce at the meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce to be held at the Congress hotel in Chicago on April 10-12. Ten assistant councillors will be named by President J. M. Jacobs, all of whom will be permitted to attend the meeting.

Both of the referendum were endorsed at the meeting yesterday evening. The first referred to the use of water power in the United States. The second referendum referred to the discrimination against Germany in trade at the close of war if such is necessary for self defense.

Operators Are

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but is expected to return to Fairmont this evening.

Kanawha coal operators are meeting at Charleston today and New River, Guyan and Big Sandy operators are meeting at Huntington, outlining plans for the Cando Fuel Forwarding Agency, the pool which goes into effect February 25 at Russell, Ky. Max T. Price, of Charleston, will manage the pool temporarily at least.

Quick Work.

A flooded mine belonging to the Hutchinson Coal company, located at Mason, W. Va., resumed work within five days which would be a record breaking accomplishment in normal times and is remarkable when it is taken into consideration that apparatus had to be secured at Pittsburgh on a Monday holiday and shipped and placed on that day and Lincoln's birthday which followed it.

The Linden mine was flooded Sunday morning when a creek broke through the roof of the mine at a point where danger had not been looked for. M. C. Lough, purchasing agent of the Hutchinson company, left Fairmont Sunday night for Pittsburgh to further material for pumping out the mine as the apparatus belonging to the mine was caught in the flood. He had to assemble pumps, motor, pipes and fittings on a "heatless Monday" which was a holiday and arrange to have it shipped at a time when the railroads were burdened with work. The effort to secure an express car brought the assurance that the hauling of the car was impossible even if one could get a car, which was another impossibility, however, and took the matter up with the fuel administration, which gave its sanction to the effort. With this as a basis Mr. Lough finally succeeded in getting the Baltimore and Ohio to promise to carry the car, after seeing many different officials, but would give no assurance that it could go further than Parkersburg as it would require than Parkersburg as it would require a fast train to make a stop to drop it at Mason. The car was finally secured and left Pittsburgh at 9:25 Monday night. C. J. Ryan, general superintendent of the company, brought some pressure to bear at Parkersburg which got the car dropped off at Mason at 5:00 Tuesday morning. The mine was cleaned up in three days and loading of coal was again resumed Thursday.

Coal Mining Posters.

The "human interest" twang has been given coal mining, according to an advertising agency, which is boasting of "poster pages" prepared for The Coal Age and printed in English and foreign languages. The posters are being displayed in many coal mining districts. The advertising agency claims that "it is easy to imagine the industrial value of this kind of thing in the present crisis" arguing that they are "valuable to mine owners, valua-

ble to mine workers, valuable to the American people, valuable to the American government, valuable to the American industry—a service of coal-structive, timely, effective leadership. The posters picture kiddies waiting with sacks to get coal and urge extra effort on the part of the miners. The posters are not needed in this district where there is the "will" to get out coal if the "way" can be found to take it to the market.

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Genuine Spring Lamb, per lb. 35c.

Prime Rib Roasts, best cuts, per lb. 25c.

Milk fed Veal shoulder or breast, lb. 25½c.

Roasting Pork (loins) per lb. 32c.

3 lbs. Neck Bones, 35c.

Choice cuts steak, Porter and Sirloin, per lb 32c.

Calf brains, per lb. 18c.

Hamburger, per lb. 22c.

Pork Sausage, per lb. 25c.

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The Tone Of any piano is, of course, a most important consideration. The Autopiano tone leaves nothing to be desired. It is mellow, resonant, rich and full—in a word, altogether delightful to the trained musical ear.

The Case Of any Autopiano is unusually beautiful, designed by artists, developed by artisans of unquestioned ability. You may here make your selection from many fine designs in mahogany and walnut veneers, in brightly polished, dull or the new art finishes.

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